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SUBJECT: ANDREOTTI VISITS MADRID

1. SUMMARY: ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI'S TWO-DAY  
OFFICIAL VISIT TO MADRID (SEPT. 5-6), THE FIRST SUCH VISIT  
TO SPAIN BY AN ITALIAN HEAD OF GOVT, WAS COVERED INTEN-  
SIVELY AND VIEWED VERY POSITIVELY BY THE MADRID PRESS.  
FAVORABLE MEDIA COMMENT CENTERED ON ANDREOTTI'S REPEATED  
AFFIRMATIONS OF UNCONDITIONAL ITALIAN SUPPORT FOR "THE  
MOST RAPID POSSIBLE" SPANISH ACCESSION TO THE EC, AND  
THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SELF-CONGRATULATION IN THE PRESS  
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OVER THE EXCELLENT STATE OF SPANISH-ITALIAN RELATIONS.  
ALTHOUGH THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN A GREAT DEAL  
OF CONTENT TO THE VISIT, NONE WAS EXPECTED (ONE FOREIGN  
MINISTRY SOURCE CALLED IT "MORE PROTOCOLARY THAN POLITICAL"  
IT WAS AN OBVIOUS--AND CALCULATED--POLITICAL PLUS FOR  
SUAREZ. END SUMMARY.

2. ANDREOTTI, WHO WAS RETURNING SUAREZ' SEPTEMBER 1977 ROME VISIT (77 ROME 14443), SET THE TONE AND FOCUS OF HIS MADRID STAY DURING HIS ARRIVAL STATEMENT, WHEN HE AVERRED THAT SPAIN AND ITALY HAD A "LONG COMMON ROAD TO TRAVEL WITHIN THE EC," AND STRESSED ITALY'S FIRM SUPPORT FOR SPAIN'S RAPID INTEGRATION IN THE COMMUNITY. AT THE SAME TIME, ANDREOTTI ALLUDED TO THE OBVIOUS DIFFICULTIES ATTENDING SPANISH ACCESSION, BUT AFFIRMED THAT THEY WOULD BE OVERCOME. HE REPORTEDLY REITERATED THESE THEMES DURING PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH THE KING AND SUAREZ, AND HE UNDERLINED ITALY'S UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR SPANISH ACCESSION IN SUCCEEDING PUBLIC STATEMENTS, INCLUDING HIS PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE. (THE MADRID PRESS SPECULATED THAT ANDREOTTI'S PERSISTENCE WAS AIMED AT QUIETING GRUMB-LING IN SOME SECTORS OF THE SPANISH MEDIA THAT ITALY'S PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR SPANISH MEMBERSHIP WAS NOT ENTIRELY SINCERE; IF THIS WAS HIS INTENT, HE APPEARS TO HAVE SUCCEEDED.)

3. ANDREOTTI'S MADRID SCHEDULE INCLUDED A DINNER HOSTED BY SUAREZ (AT WHICH LEADERS OF ALL PARTIES WITH PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATION WERE PRESENT, INCLUDING THE PCE'S SANCHEZ MONTERO AND THE PSOE'S MUGICA), AN AUDIENCE WITH THE KING, A WORKING LUNCH WITH SUAREZ AT THE ITALIAN EMBASSY AND A VISIT TO THE SENATE (WHICH IS CURRENTLY DEBATING THE CONSTITUTION DRAFT IN COMMITTEE). ISSUES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSSED DURING THESE SESSIONS, IN ADDITION TO THE CENTRAL QUESTION OF SPANISH EC MEMBERSHIP, INCLUDED THE TREATMENT OF SPANISH WORKERS IN EC COUNTRIES, SPAIN'S FISHING LICENSE PROBLEMS WITH SOME EC GOVTS (PARTICULARLY FRANCE AND IRELAND), ANTI-TERRORISM COLLABORATION, MEDITERRANEAN SECURITY, AND NATO, ALTHOUGH ANDREOTTI PLAYED DOWN THE NATO EXCHANGE TO THE PRESS BY STATING THAT IT WAS "HARDLY A PRIORITY ISSUE." IN HIS PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE, ANDREOTTI ALSO SAID HE AND SUAREZ HAD AGREED TO SYSTMATIZE CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVTS, ALONG THE LINES OF ITALY'S REGULAR CONSULTATIONS WITH EC MEMBER GOVTS. AS A RESULT, THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS INTENDED TO MEET AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR, AS WOULD OTHER MINISTERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVTS. SIMILAR CONTACTS WOULD BE INITIATED BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RESPECTIVE PARLIAMENTS AND MANAGEMENT AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, "WITH A VIEW TO SPAIN'S EC MEMBERSHIP."

4. ANDREOTTI ALSO MADE A POINT OF CONGRATULATING THE SPANISH FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION FROM AUTHORITARIANISM TO DEMOCRACY (AN IMPLICIT EULOGY OF SUAREZ, WHO TASPRESIDED OVER THE TRANSITION), AND HE POINTED OUT

THAT WHILE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE FRANCO REGIME HAD BEEN NORMAL, POLITICAL TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD BEEN LARGELY NONEXISTENT. THIS HAD NOW CHANGED, HOWEVER, AND SPANISH-ITALIAN POLITICAL RELATIONS HAD BEEN NORMALIZED.

5. COMMENT: IN SPITE OF THE "PROTOCOLARY" NATURE OF THE ANDREOTTI VISIT AND THE LACK OF ANY CONCRETE RESULTS, IT MUST BE JUDGED A SUCCESS FROM SUAREZ' POINT OF VIEW. ANDREOTTI'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN BETTER CALCULATED TO ENGENDER A HIGHLY FAVORABLE RECEPTION.

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TION HERE, AND TO CAST SUAREZ IN THE ROLE OF AN EFFECTIVE ADVOCATE OF SPANISH INTERESTS. THE VISIT ALSO REINFORCED SUAREZ' CREDENTIALS AS A MODERN NATIONAL LEADER IN THE WEST EUROPEAN MAINSTREAM. ANDREOTTI HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE GOVERNING UCD'S CONSTITUENT OCTOBER 19-21 CONGRESS, AND SUAREZ IS CERTAIN TO HAVE REITERATED HIS HOPE THAT THE ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER WILL BE ABLE TO

MAKE A RETURN TRIP TO MADRID AT THAT TIME TO LEND HIS  
PRESTIGIOUS PRESENCE TO THAT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT GET-  
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